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citizen of this state. We have a responsibility to the taxpayers and to our constituents. To say, just because you say it's a good program without bringing us the information is not a way to make it a good program. It may be a good program. If it is then why not bring the information so that a wise decision can be based upon that amount of information, not just sit back and poke holes. This is not the place to bring the information to validate the statements made on the floor. The time to bring the information is when that's being discussed in committee. We are not in a position to add dollars when we're not in the position to know that those dollars will be wisely spent or even spent for client services. We are not in a position to simply add dollars to facilitate administrators salaries.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I had an opportunity over the lunch hour to visit on the additional money request. I am convinced that there is a need and a demand for extra money in this area. That's right Senator Marsh, many areas. Unfortunately, this happens to be the one for us. I'll try to make my comments to that one now. We'll talk about other programs and needs as those come up before this floor. Let me talk just a minute about the program. LB 302, of course, came from the Budget Committee and came to the Health and Welfare Committee, and was ultimately passed out. The concept was to develop some area mental health clinics. Region VI, of course, is by far the largest one. Some of the regions have less population than my county does, as the second largest county in Region VI. Based on the information I have before me, I certainly am not trying to defend who comes in late or who doesn't with budgets, etc., I'd certainly like to see that situation improved. However, I think it would be very little justification for us to deny funds for the legitimate needs of this area. This area includes more than Omaha. One of the key parts of this area is probably the most viable mental health clinic in the region, that's in Sarpe County. It also includes a 10 month program, Senator Carsten, in Cass County for some \$50,000. Based on the figures that have been provided to us, it will be absolutely necessary for the additional funds for the ongoing programs for the health clinics in Sarpe County and Cass County. Then a very high priority in mental health, in my judgement, is the drug program. Much of this money would be as a grant replacement for an NIDA grant. I think it's a reasonable request. I believe that we have the language in the budget bill now. We have the Tews-Ross Study. We have other studies going to try to shore up the efficiency. I do not believe that it would endanger or hurt any of those areas to add this much needed money for the continuation of mental health services in Region VI. I am a strong supporter of accountability in social services. We need to do that systematically. I'm also a strong supporter of accountability in other areas. Some of those areas will be discussed as they come to this floor. We'll talk about their indepth planning, Senator Marsh, at that particular time. I would ask that you adopt the Goodrich amendment. Let us proceed as we are now in bringing about uniformity and accountability. I think we have a good start at that in the budget bill. I'd ask you to adopt the Goodrich amendment.